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St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Editorial: EPA urgency on Bridgeton should be felt at West Lake Landfill - 5/9/14 - After taking matters into their own hands by conducting radiation soil tests of questionable scientific value, the residents of Bridgeton have succeeded in galvanizing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. http://www.stltoday.com/news/opinion/editorial-epa-urgency-on-bridgeton-should-be-felt-at-west/article_fb344790-82bc-5e24-ba0b-cac991b91f0a.html

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Bridgeton ball fields to remain open during radiation testing - 5/9/14 - It is safe for children to play baseball, softball and soccer at the Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex, government officials said Friday at a news conference giving details on upcoming radiation testing at the site. http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/health-med-fit/health/bridgeton-ball-fields-to-remain-open-during-radiation-testing/article_9742db15-730c-5079-9701-7834466a0e59.html

KMOX Radio St. Louis - EPA Plans Limited Tests of Bridgeton Ball Fields - 5/9/14 - The EPA lays out its plans for testing little league ball fields for possible radioactive contamination from the nearby West Lake Landfill. EPA Regional Administrator Karl Brooks says his team will test for gamma radiation starting May 19th from "fence to fence" within the Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex. <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2014/05/09/epa-plans-limited-tests-of-bridgeton-ball-fields/>

KTVI Ch. 2 St. Louis - State rep. warns residents of future landfill odors (video) - 5/10/14 - There's a new warning about two troubled landfills in Bridgeton: the foul odors may

soon get much worse and stretch all the way to Chesterfield, Missouri State Rep. Bill Otto (D) Maryland Heights said. <http://fox2now.com/2014/05/10/state-rep-warns-residents-future-landfill-odors/>

KSDK Ch. 5 St. Louis - EPA to test sports complex in Bridgeton – 5/9/14 - There's uncertainty tonight in Bridgeton after a Friday afternoon announcement that the EPA will run tests on a popular baseball complex. These tests come after a citizens group had samples tested that came back with results they say aren't safe. <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2014/05/09/epa-to-test-bridgeton-sports-complex/8921591/>

St. Louis Public Radio - EPA To Test Popular Bridgeton Baseball Fields For Radiation - 5/9/14 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will soon begin testing a popular athletic complex in Bridgeton for radiation. The EPA will scan all the outdoor areas of the Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex, except the parking lots, for gamma radiation. The playing fields will remain open in the meantime. <http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/epa-test-popular-bridgeton-baseball-fields-radiation>

Associated Press - Bridgeton radiation testing timetable announced - 5/9/14 - Radiation testing at a baseball complex near a suburban St. Louis Superfund site will be completed by late this month and results should be available in 30-60 days after that, the Environmental Protection Agency's regional chief said Friday. <http://www.chron.com/news/science/article/Bridgeton-radiation-testing-timetable-announced-5466661.php>

Associated Press - Iowa DNR asked to strengthen water rules - 5/9/14 - A new rule that Iowa environmental regulators say will improve water quality through better enforcement of livestock farms was widely criticized as too weak at a public hearing Friday in Des Moines. <http://www.chron.com/news/science/article/Iowa-DNR-asked-to-strengthen-water-rules-5466128.php>

Des Moines Register - Stowe: Some shouldn't vote on water rules - 5/10/14 - State environmental leaders with financial ties to the livestock industry should abstain from voting on proposed rules that will govern the industry, the CEO of Des Moines Water Works said Friday. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/money/agriculture/green-fields/2014/05/09/bill-stowe-water-quality-proposed-regulations-abstain-voting/8892451/>

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Quad-City Times - Protect Iowa water from hogs - 5/12/14 - Only with improved DNR oversight can the public be assured that best practices on factory farms are implemented and that Iowan's health comes before profit. http://qctimes.com/news/opinion/mailbag/protect-iowa-water-from-hogs/article_3a7e168d-c56f-590a-b826-48878c0ac34f.html

Associated Press - DNR to Hold Final Hearings on Clean Water Rules - 5/10/14 - The Iowa Department of Natural Resources continues to hold hearings next week on proposed new rules to regulate confinement livestock farms in Iowa. <http://www.kcrg.com/dnr-to-hold-final-hearings-on-clean-water-rules-20140510>

Kansas City Star - Kansas considers revised permit for \$2.8 billion Sunflower coal plant - 5/11/14 - The state's top environmental regulator is considering whether to clear the way again for a new coal-fired power plant in southwest Kansas, but environmentalists contend that Gov. Sam Brownback's administration is taking short cuts to ensure that the \$2.8 billion project is built. <http://www.kansascity.com/2014/05/11/5016882/kansas-considers-revised-permit.html>

Des Moines Register

Stowe: Some shouldn't vote on water rules

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<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/money/agriculture/green-fields/2014/05/09/bill-stowe-water-quality-proposed-regulations-abstain-voting/8892451/>

State environmental leaders with financial ties to the livestock industry should abstain from voting on the rules that Iowa Environmental Protection Commission members who benefit economically from the livestock feeding industry should abstain from voting on proposed rules that will govern the industry, the CEO of Des Moines Water Works said Friday during a

public hearing in Des Moines.

"We have great concern about the appearance of impropriety, if an EPC member has interest in cattle or other livestock operations is involved in the review of these rules," Bill Stowe said at a public hearing on regulations on animal feeding operations.

"Clearly, we're in opposition to these rules as they're proposed as a utility that draws its water from the Des Moines and Raccoon rivers," he said. "We believe we have special standing to talk on behalf of our 500,000 customers in opposing these rules."

Stowe said after testifying that his group has not put a number on the commission members who should abstain from voting on the rules.

Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement say Stowe's challenge would eliminate five of the nine-member board from voting: Nancy Couser, whose family raises cattle near Nevada; Brent Rastetter, whose Ames business Quality Ag Inc. builds confinement facilities; Gene Ver Steeg, an Inwood hog producer; Max Smith of Knoxville, who owns hogs; and Cindy Greiman of Garner, who raises cattle with her husband.

The group had about three dozen members opposing the proposed rules, saying fail to adequately protect Iowa water quality.

The Des Moines utility said that livestock waste accounts for 34,598 tons of nitrogen in the Raccoon River and 55,177 tons per year in the Des Moines River.

The water agency spent nearly \$1 million last year removing harmful nitrates from drinking water provided its customers.

Justine Stevenson, government relations director for the Iowa Cattlemen's Association, said the state is more aggressively inspecting animal feeding operations, targeting those that have had previous spills.

She said the proposed rules provide "repercussions for individuals who do not follow the law. ... It allows inspections on a case-by-case basis, not a one-size fits all" approach, Stevenson said.

In written comments, Stowe said: "Application of unlimited manure and commercial fertilizer and the ease in transport to our rivers through tile drainage has significantly degraded water quality."

Stowe said the focus of the rule-making should be not the regulation of livestock operations, but how to protect water quality from "the impact of untreated livestock waste."

"Manure from livestock should be managed and disposed of in a manner that does not pollute surface water," Stowe said, suggesting the state determine whether the farmland within the watershed feeding central Iowa's drinking water can support the manure being generated there.

He said central Iowa consumers have invested millions of dollars in nitrate-removal technologies and facilities "to cope with nitrate levels in our rivers that continue to trend upward," he said.

Stowe also called on increased setbacks on the application of solid and liquid manure from rivers and tile inlets; a ban on the application of manure on snow-covered or frozen ground; and that the rules that are adopted that demonstrate how the state will achieve nutrient reduction goals in the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy.